

NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Technical Assistance Site Report



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Situation and Technical Assistance Request

Last year, Nebraska and the NRCCPS began work together on needs related to safety practice. During the work together, Nebraska decided to move forward with a new comprehensive approach to the development of a safety driven intervention system. A strategic plan was developed and is in the process of implementation. One of the tasks was to select a safety assessment tool that was consistent with this new direction.

Site Visit

On October 21, 2005 Emily Hutchinson with NRCCPS made a site visit to Lincoln to meet with a workgroup of trainers, supervisors and workers to consult with them about safety tool selection. The task of this group was to make a recommendation about the most appropriate tool to leadership. During the site visit, the document previously prepared by NRCCPS, "Considerations in Model Selection" was reviewed and the four tools Nebraska had identified as possible selections were discussed in detail. Leadership of Nebraska then led a discussion about what they wanted from a safety assessment tool and processed decisions with the group. The group unanimously selected a tool similar to South Dakota's with significant revision.

Next Steps

The recommendations of this workgroup will be forwarded to NE Leadership for a final decision on tool selection. In addition, in early December 2005, NRCCPS will provide 3 days of safety orientation for all of Nebraska's supervisors in order to improve readiness and sustainability of the safety driven intervention system effort.